

**REMARKS**

The non-final office action dated December 12, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

**Status of Claims**

There are 48 claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 19, 20, 21,36, 37, 38, 42, 43 and 44 are independent claims.

Claims 1-5, 7,8, 10-22, 24, 25, 27-30, 33, 34,36-45, 47 and 48 are rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 6, 9, 23,26,31,32,35 and 46 are objected to by the Examiner but indicated to have allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include its respective base claim and any intervening claims.

**Objection to Title**

The Examiner objects to the title as not being descriptive of the invention claimed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggested title, however Applicants believe the suggested title is too limited and not commensurate with the potential uses of the invention as disclosed and claimed. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the title as set forth above to more accurately describe the invention as disclosed and claimed. It is trusted the amended title overcomes the Examiner's objection.

**Objection to Claims**

New claims 49 - 56 are added to overcome the Examiner's objections. The respective dependent claims are amended accordingly as set forth above.

Dependent claim 6 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 6 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 49.

Dependent claim 9 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 9 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 50.

Dependent claim 23 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 23 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 51.

Dependent claim 26 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 26 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 52.

Dependent claim 31 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 31 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 53.

Dependent claim 32 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 32 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 54.

Dependent claim 35 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 35 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 55.

Dependent claim 46 is objected to but is indicated by the Examiner to have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include its base claim and intervening claims. Claim 46 as rewritten above is presented as new independent claim 56.

As a result thereof, Applicant has amended the claims as set forth above to overcome the Examiner's objections to the claims and respectfully submits that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance.

Cancelled claims

Claims 1, 6, 9, 19, 20, 21, 23, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 46 are canceled.

Claim rejections 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-13, 18, 19-21, 36, 37, 42 and 43 are rejected as being anticipated by Wendorff et al. (US Patent Publication 2003/0157957). In view of the above amendments, applicant submits the rejection is moot and respectfully requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

Claim rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

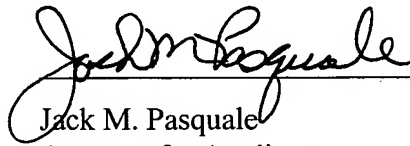
Claims 14-17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 33, 38-41, 44, 45, 47 and 48 are rejected as being unpatentable over Wendorff et al. (US Patent Publication 2003/0157957) in view of P. Capps (US Patent Publication 2003/0073414). In view of the above amendments, applicant submits the rejection is moot and respectfully requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits the claims of the application are now in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits such action at an early date. The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the below listed number such there be any questions remaining after review of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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